Diversion of the road near the Vadakkancheri Railway Station.

359. **Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.**— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether in widening the Shoranur-Anjal road the Department of Public Works had not suggested a deviation of the road between the level crossing at Vadakkancheri and the Vadakkancheri Railway station;

(b) whether there is not a big ascent in the road near the Roman Catholic Church at Vadakkancheri;

(c) whether the existing road is not very close to the Railway line;

(d) whether the Railway line is not at a much lower level than the existing road;

(e) whether there is not only a parapet wall between the road and the Railway line;

(f) whether the proposed deviation is not along level ground and away from the Railway line;

(g) what exactly is the difficulty with the Government in sticking to the proposed deviation?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.— (a) A proposal for making a diversion of the road near the Vadakkancheri Railway station was considered.

(b) There is an ascent; but the road when the improvement works are completed will have only a gradient of 1 in 20 for a short length at the place.

(c) The Railway line forms one boundary of the road.

(d) Yes.

(e) The road boundary near the Railway line is protected by a wall.

(f) The alignment for the diversion road will be along flat gradients away from the Railway line.

(g) Those who have houses and shops along the existing road complained against the proposed diversion. Since they have a real grievance and since the cost of improving the existing road will be less than the cost of the proposed diversion, it has been decided to adopt the existing arrangement.

Protector of the Depressed Classes.

360. മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. പി. വള്ളോൻ.— അധഃകൃതസംരക്ഷകൻ ഏതു സമുദായത്തിൽപെട്ടാളാണ്; അദ്ദേഹത്തിനിപ്പോൾ എത്ര വയസ്സുണ്ട്?

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